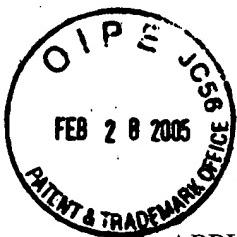


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AMENDMENT AND REMARKS

Dear Sir:

An Office Action was mailed in the above-captioned application on November 26, 2004. In such Office Action claims 1-3, 8, 11-18, 21 and 23-41 were pending. Claims 1-3, 8, 13-15, 17, 18, 23 and 24 were rejected, claims 25-31 were allowed, claims 11, 12 and 16 were objected to and claims 32-41 were withdrawn from consideration. This document is submitted in response to said Office Action. Please amend the application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.